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2. Soldiers wearing hospital clothing were frequently observed in the eastern section of the former Jaeger Kaserne. Officers also entered or left this site. The branch of service of the soldiers quartered in this section of the installation was undetermined.
3. Billets for officers and NCOs and their dependents were located in the area of the former Radfahrer Kaserne, opposite the former Jaeger Kaserne, on the south side of the Olschienen road. Three large ~~armored~~ vehicles of unknown models were also observed in this area. ~~On an undetermined date~~ in the fall of 1954, 4 or 5 light armored vehicles were observed at these sheds. In the spring of 1953, numerous light armored vehicles were entrained at the Ortelsburg railroad station. No details were recollected.<sup>1</sup>
4. Prior to January 1955, the western section of the former Jaeger Kaserne also quartered a unit of young musician trainees who were 12 to 17 years old. The boys who were observed in the area of the city with and without their instrument wore the same uniform as that worn by the above-mentioned soldiers who were called policemen.<sup>2</sup>
5. In the spring of 1954, numerous officer trainees who were about 16 to 18 years old were observed in the streets of Ortelsburg. They wore khaki blouses and long dark trousers with wide red stripes. The color of the cap bands of their khaki visor-type service caps was undetermined.<sup>2</sup> Soldiers wearing blue

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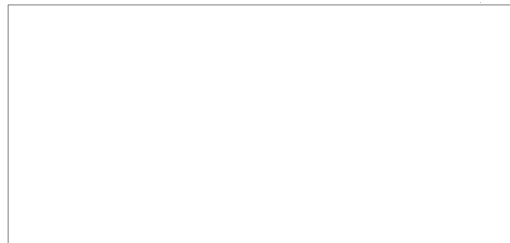
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